

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0559  
1709 E. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1883 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with synthetic siding, some replacement windows, and a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch.

**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built around 1883 by Andrew Sanders, a Swedish immigrant who worked as a car inspector and repairman for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. His daughter, Esther, married August Gustafson; they moved into this house and Andrew Sanders and his wife moved into a house next door. August Gustafson was first listed as a laborer, then a pipefitter, and then went to work as a car repairman for the International and Great Northern Railroad around 1913. He and Esther lived in this house until the early 1950s, when they both passed away.

The house was then purchased by Robert and Margaret Moreno, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Robert Moreno was a cook at the Pik-Nik Grill on the north end of the Drag. He is not listed in the city directories after the early 1970s, but both his and Margaret's obituaries reference their marriage until their deaths. Margaret Moreno was a child and family services aide and social worker.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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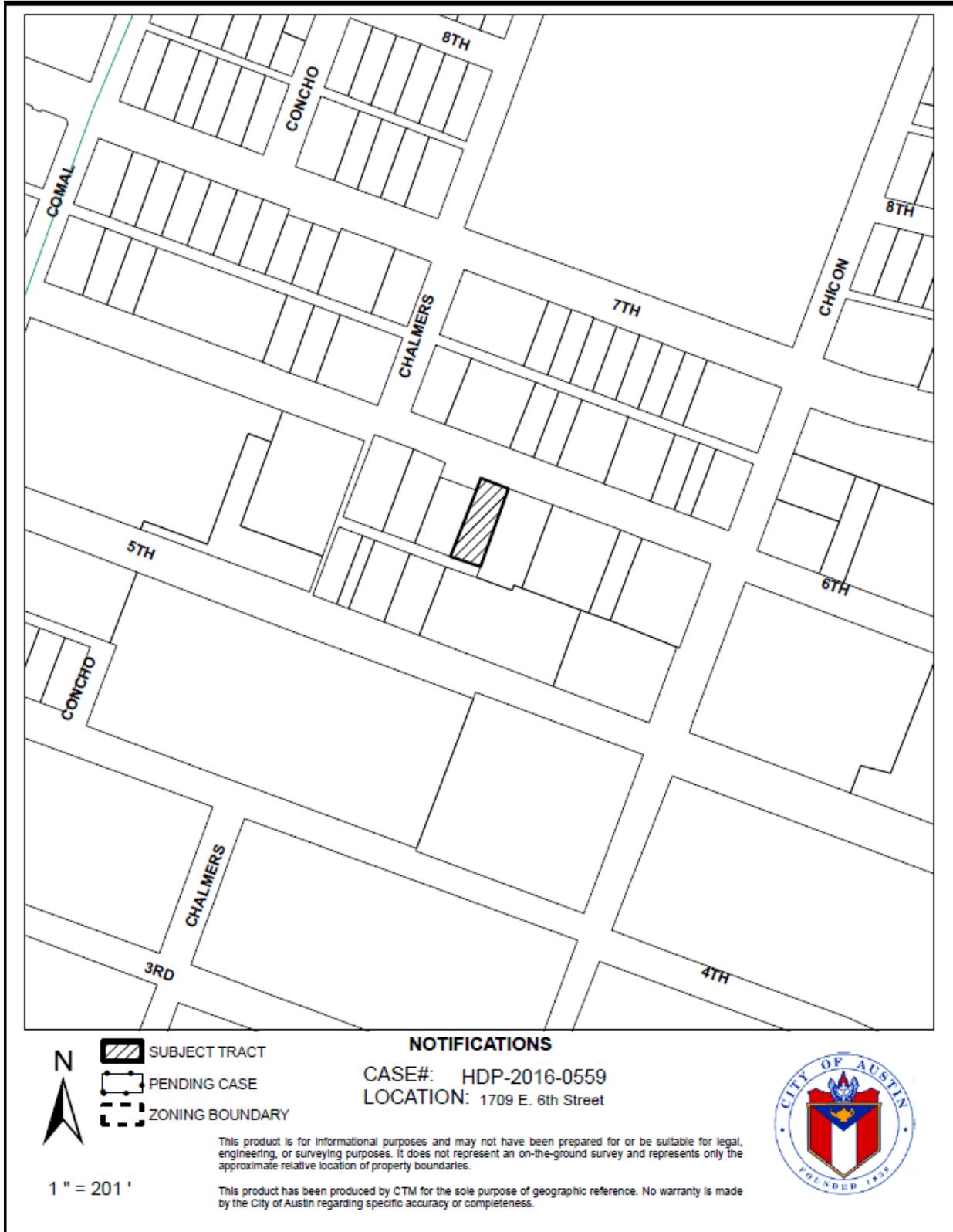
The house is listed in the East Austin Historic Survey (1980); the survey photograph shows wood siding, wood windows, and a Palladian window in the tympanum of the front gable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, and strongly encourage the applicant to continue to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. While this house has undergone some architectural modifications over the years, and since 1980, it maintains its basic character, and is one of a handful of 19<sup>th</sup> century houses remaining on E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Every effort should be made to retain and preserve this house, even if through sale and commercial uses.

LOCATION MAP



1709 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1883



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1709 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
May, 2008

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| 1992 | Margaret L. Moreno, owner<br>Retired   |
| 1987 | Margaret L. Moreno, owner<br>Retired   |
| 1981 | Margaret L. Moreno, owner<br>Social worker, State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation                                     |
| 1977 | Margaret L. Moreno, owner<br>Aide, Child and Family Services   |
| 1973 | Margaret L. Moreno, owner<br>Aide, Model City Child and Family Service Center (no listing in the alphabetical section of the directory). |
| 1968 | Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners   |

- Robert: Cook, Pik-Nik Restaurant, 3023 Guadalupe Street.  
Margaret: Checker, Overby Cleaners, 1518 Manor Road.
- 1967 Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners  
Cook, Pik-Nik Restaurant (George T. and Opal Ramsey, proprietors), 3023 Guadalupe Street
- 1965 Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners  
Cook, Pik-Nik Restaurant, 3023 Guadalupe Street.
- 1962 Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners  
Cook, Pik-Nik Grill, 3023 Guadalupe Street.
- 1959 Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners  
Cook, Pik-Nik Grill, 3023 Guadalupe Street.
- 1957 Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners  
Cook, Pik-Nik Grill (Opal Ellard, proprietor), 3023 Guadalupe Street
- 1955 Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1952 August G. Gustafson, owner  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: Robert B. and Margaret L. Moreno are listed at 45 San Marcos Street.  
He was a cook at the Pik-Nik Grill, 3023 Guadalupe Street; she was a saleslady at Mangel's, women's clothing, 614 Congress Avenue.
- 1949 August G. and Esther L. Gustafson, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1947 August G. and Esta Gustafson, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1940 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are Arthur G. Gustafson, a clerk at the Driskill Hotel; and Wallace Gustafson, a clerk at Wilson's Food Store, 1805 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1939 August G. and Esther A. Gustafson, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1937 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Car inspector
- 1935 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Laborer, Austin Oil Manufacturing Company (D.H. and W.T. Caswell, proprietors), 411 Chicon Street.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1932-33 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners

- Car inspector, Missouri Pacific Railway  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1930-31 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Car inspector (no place of employment listed)  
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- 1929 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Car inspector (no place of employment listed)  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1927 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Car inspector, International and Great Northern Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1924 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Driver, Gulf Refining Company  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1922 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1920 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Car repairs, International and Great Northern Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1918 August G. and Esther Gustafson, owners  
Car repair, International and Great Northern Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1916 August G. Gustafson  
Car repair, International and Great Northern Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1914 August G. Gustafson  
Car repair  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1912-13 August G. Gustafson  
Pipefitter  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1910-11 August G. Gustafson  
Laborer  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1909-10 Andrew A. Sanders  
No occupation listed
- August Gustafson  
Car repair, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

- 1906-07 Andrew A. Sanders  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1905 Andrew A. Sanders  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: August Gustafson is not listed in the directory.
- 1903-04 Andrew A. Sanders  
Car repair, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: August Gustafson is not listed in the directory.
- 1900-01 August A. Sanders  
Foreman, car repairs, Houston and Texas Central shops  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1898-99 August A. Sanders  
Foreman, car repairs, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1897-98 Andrew A. Sanders  
Foreman, car repairs, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1895-96 Andrew A. Sanders  
Foreman, car repairs, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1893-94 August A. Sanders  
Car inspector, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1891-92 Andrew A. Sanders  
Foreman, car repairs, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the south side of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, east of Comal Street.
- 1889-90 Andrew A. Sanders  
Car inspector, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the south side of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 2 blocks east of Comal Street.
- 1887-88 Andrew A. Sanders  
Car inspector, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the south side of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 2 blocks east of Comal Street.
- 1885-86 Andrew A. Sanders  
Car inspector, Houston and Texas Central Railroad  
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the south side of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 2 blocks east of Comal Street.

1883-84 Andrew A. Sanders  
Works at the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Depot  
NOTE: The house is listed as being east of the city on Pecan Street.

1881-82 Andrew Sanders is not listed in the directory.

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

#### Andrew A. Sanders (ca. 1883 – ca. 1910)

The 1900 U.S. Census lists an Edward [Andrew] Sanders at this house, which is addressed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He was 52 years old, had been born in Sweden, and had immigrated to the United States in 1870. He listed his occupation as a car inspector. His wife, Christine [Ida], was 42, had been born in Sweden, and immigrated to the United States in 1875. They had four children: Beda, 19, Wesley, 16, Henning, 15, and Esther, 18. Esther Sanders married August Gustafson and continued to live in this house after her marriage.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Andrew A. and Ida C. Sanders as the owners of the house at 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, which would have been next door, as August and Esther Gustafson were living in this house at the time of the census report. Andrew A. Sanders was 73, had been born in Sweden, and immigrated to the United States in 1875. He became a naturalized citizen in 1888. He had no occupation listed. Ida C. Sanders was 68, had been born in Sweden, and immigrated to the United States in 1875, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Henning A., 33, who had been born in Texas, and worked as a flower gardener at the cemetery.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ida C. Sanders as the owner of the house next door at 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, which was worth \$1,700. She was a 71-year old Swedish-born widow with no occupation listed. She had roomers: James and Connie Dounain. James Dounain was 32, had been born in Texas, and was a switchman in the train yard. Connie Dounain was 19, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

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### A. A. SANDERS

A. A. Sanders, aged 80, passed away at his home, 1809 East Sixth street, Saturday evening after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Beda Frederickson, of Georgetown, and Mrs. Esther Gustafson, of Austin; one son, Henry Sanders, of Austin, and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, from the residence and 4 o'clock at the Swedish Methodist church, with the Rev. Oscar E. Linstrum, officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery.

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Obituary of Andrew A. Sanders  
Austin American-Statesman, May 27, 1928

**August and Esther Gustafson (ca. 1908 – ca. 1953)**

The 1910 U.S. Census shows the house addressed as 1809 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street occupied by August Gustafson, 25, his wife Esther, 22, and son Arthur, 1. August Gustafson had been born in Sweden and worked as a car repairer for the railroad company. Esther Gustafson had been born in Texas, as had their son. Esther Gustafson had no occupation listed. Andrew A. and Ida Sanders are not listed in this census report.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows August G. and Esther A. Gustafson as the owners of this house, which is addressed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. August Gustafson was 36, had been born in Sweden, and had immigrated to the United States in 1905. He became a naturalized citizen in 1910. He was a car repairer for the railroad. Esther A. Gustafson was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 sons: Arthur G., 10; Oscar W., 6; and Clifford E., 2.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows August and Esta Gustafson as the owners of the house addressed as 1811 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; the house was worth \$2,000. August Gustafson was 46, had been born in Sweden, and was a car inspector for the railroad. Esta Gustafson was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 sons living with them: Oscar, 17; Clifford, 12; and Wullas [?], 7. All of the boys had been born in Texas, and none had an occupation shown.

Her 1951 death certificate shows that Esther Gustafson was the daughter of A.A. and Ida Sanders. She was living at this house at the time of her death. She was born in 1888 in Texas, and was a housewife.

His 1953 death certificate shows that August Gustafson was living at this house at the time of his death. He had been born in Sweden in 1883 and was a widower. He was a repairman for the railroad.

**MRS. ESTHER GUSTAFSON**

Mrs. Esther Gustafson, a lifetime resident of Austin, died at her home, 1709 East Sixth Street, Thursday.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Will Mathis Dunn officiating.

She is survived by her husband, August G. Gustafson of Austin; three sons, Arthur Gustafson and Oscar Gustafson, both of Austin, and Clifford E. Gustafson of Georgetown; one sister, Mrs. F. E. Frederickson of Georgetown, and one brother, Henry A. Sanders of Austin.

Pallbearers will be Harry Jensen, Elridge Mabry, Harry Sandberg, Harry Bengston, Will Hammer and A. T. Swahn. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Esther Gustafson  
Austin American, June 22, 1951

**MRS. ESTHER GUSTAFSON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Esther Gustafson will be held Saturday at 10:30 a. m. at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Will Mathis Dunn officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Funeral notice for Esther Gustafson  
Austin American, June 23, 1951

**AUGUST G. GUSTAFSON**  
 Funeral services for August G. Gustafson of 1709 East Sixth Street will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. P. K. Anderson and the Rev. J. F. Gardner officiating. He is survived by three sons, Arthur Gustafson and Oscar Gustafson of Austin, Clifford E. Gustafson of Georgetown; two sisters, Miss Helen Gustafson of Pasadena, Calif., and Miss Olivia Gustafson of Sweden; one brother, Ernest Gustafson of Austin; and one grandchild, Clifford Lynn Gustafson. Pallbearers will be Bert Harringer, Harry Bengtson, Oscar Olson, D. B. Burton, Eldridge Mabry and Martin Anderson. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of August G. Gustafson  
 Austin American-Statesman, August 9, 1953

**Robert B. and Margaret Moreno (ca. 1953 – ca. 2003)**

Robert and Margaret Moreno appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1209 Inks Avenue. Robert Moreno was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a cook in a cafe. Margaret Moreno was 23, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Robert, Jr., 4; Rebecca, 3; and Rachel, 1. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Robert Moreno as the 16-year old son of Frank and Mary Moreno, who lived at 806 East Avenue in Austin. Robert was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the couple's 9 children. He had been born in Texas and was a clerk in a grocery store. His parents had both been born in Texas. His father was a waiter in a café; his mother had no occupation listed.

## **Robert B. Moreno**

Robert B. Moreno, 74, of Austin died Saturday, March 23, 1991.

Rosary was recited at 7:00 PM, Monday at Mission Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, at Cristo Rey Catholic Church, with Reverend Father Daniel officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Survivors include Margaret L. Moreno; children, Robert L. "Coon" Moreno, Rebecca Arredondo, Rachael Moreno, Richard "Dickie" Moreno, all of Austin, Rudy Moreno and Roland L. Moreno, both of Houston, Tommie Lopez, Margaret Alvarado, Michael Moreno, all of Austin; sisters, Lucy Herrera, Annie Ledesma, Frances Rincon, Rosie Thanland; 30 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Arredondo, Jesse Moreno, Jr., Richard Moreno, Jr., Marc Moreno, James Moncebiaz, Donny Joe Alvarado, Rachel Moreno.

Arrangements entrusted to Mission Funeral Home, 1615 E. First. 476-4355.



**Margaret L. Moreno**

Margaret L. Moreno, age 86, of Austin, entered into eternal rest Friday, July 18, 2003.

She was a member of Cristo Rey Catholic Church. She was a foster grandparent at Austin Children's Hospital for over seven years. She was also a member of Salvation Army VIP's. She retired as a counselor from MHMR, she served as a counselor at Teenage Parenthood and was a certified Home Health Care Aide.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert B. Moreno; sons, Robert L. Moreno, Jr., and Jesse Rudolph Moreno, Sr.; daughter, Rebecca Arredondo; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Ledesma

Mrs. Moreno is survived by her daughters, Tommie Lopez and husband, Johnny; Margaret "Linda" Alvarado and husband, Lupe; Rachel Moreno and husband, Jim; sons, Michael Moreno and wife, Terry; Richard Moreno and wife, Lucy, all of Austin; Roland Moreno of Houston Texas; sisters, Connie Arredondo and Angelina Arzola; 32 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends

Rosary services were held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 19, 2003, in the Colonial Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 20, 2003, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home

Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 21, 2003, at Cristo Rey Catholic Church, 2110 East 2nd Street, with the Franciscan Friars officiating. Committal service will follow at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville

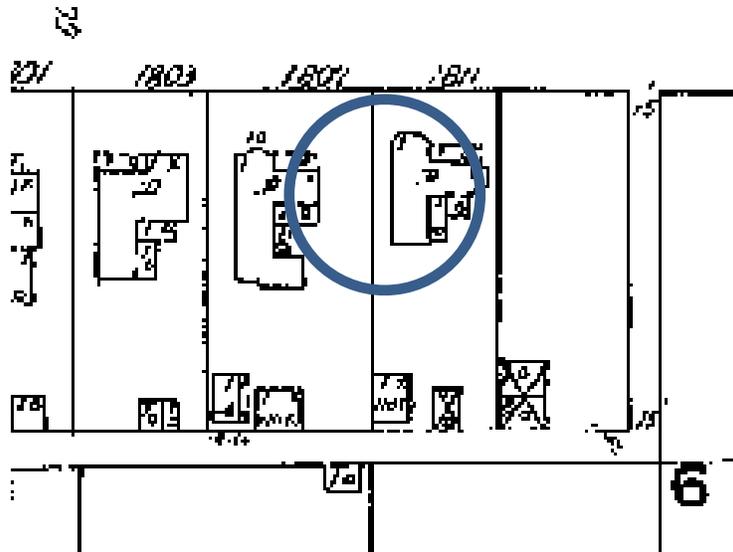
Honoring Mrs. Moreno as pallbearers will be Mark Moreno, Lupe Alvarado, DJ Alvarado, Dennis Arredondo, Jesse Rudolph Moreno, James Moncebaiz, John Robert Moreno, and Anthony Moreno. Honorary will be Gilbert Castillo and Roger Herrera

A special thanks from the family to Dr. David Hayes, Cardiologist for his compassion and caring

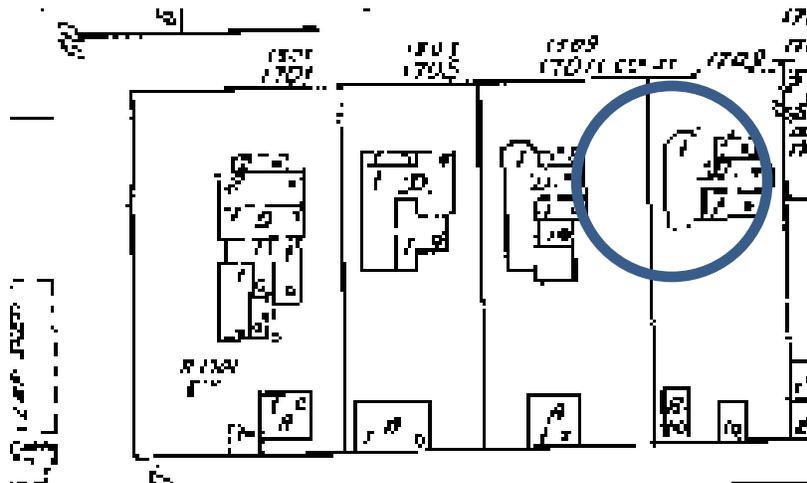


**COOK-WALDEN**  
Funerals & Cremations  
6100 North Lamar  
454-5611

Obituary of Margaret Moreno  
Austin American-Statesman, July 20, 2003



The 1922 Sanborn map shows the house. No previous Sanborn maps covered this area of the city.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house with a modification of the back porch.

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|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| OWNER          | Margaret Moreno        | ADDRESS         | 1709 E. 6th St.             |
|                |                        |                 | E. Center 53' of N.150 of W |
| PLAT           | 23                     | LOT             | 323. BLK.                   |
| SUBDIVISION    | Original City          |                 |                             |
| OCCUPANCY      | Repair & remodel res.  |                 |                             |
| BLDG. PERMIT # | 199977                 | DATE            | 7-30-80                     |
|                |                        | OWNERS ESTIMATE | 3,000.00                    |
| CONTRACTOR     | Town & Country Enterpr | NO. OF FIXTURES |                             |
| WATER TAP REC# |                        | SEWER TAP REC#  |                             |
|                | Repair & remodel res.  |                 |                             |

Building permit to Margaret Moreno to repair and remodel the house (1980)

OWNER Margaret Moreno ADDRESS 1709 E 6th St  
PLAT 23 LOT E. Center 53. of No 150 of W. 323 BLK 6  
SUBDIVISION Original City  
OCCUPANCY Re Roofing  
BLDG. PERMIT # 200111 DATE 8-1-80 OWNERS ESTIMATE 3,000.00  
CONTRACTOR Town & Country Exterior NO. OF FIXTURES  
WATER TAP REC# SEWER TAP REC#  
Re Roofing & siding

Building permit to Margaret Moreno for siding and a new roof (1980)